

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following paragraph:

**[0024]** As further shown in FIG. 1, IMD 12 delivers neurostimulation therapy to patient ~~12~~18 via leads 14A and 14B (collectively “leads 14”). An IMD 12 that delivers neurostimulation therapy is illustrated for purposes of example. Implanted leads 14, as shown in FIG. 1, may be implanted proximate to the spinal cord 16 of patient 18. IMD 12 delivers spinal cord stimulation (SCS) therapy to patient 18 via leads 14. Spinal cord stimulation may be selected to reduce pain experienced by patient 18.

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following paragraph:

**[0032]** In order to modify programs and parameter settings and otherwise control IMD 12, patient programmer 20 communicates with IMD 12 via wireless telemetry techniques. For example, programmer 20 may communicate with IMD 12 via RF telemetry. In this manner, patient programmer 20 is used by patient ~~12~~18 to control the delivery of neurostimulation therapy by IMD 14. For telemetry with IMD 12, patient programmer 20 may use either internal antenna 32 or external antenna 34 on a selective basis

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following paragraph:

**[0034]** Display 28 and associated display electronic can produce significant electrical interference capable of degrading the performance of internal antenna ~~22~~32 during telemetry sessions. The electrical interface may be particularly troublesome due to the relatively close proximity of internal antenna 32 to display 28 within the housing of patient programmer 20. For this reason, processor 22 or other control circuitry within patient programmer 20 may be configured to selectively disable, i.e., turn off, display 28 and associated display electronics during RF telemetry with internal antenna 32 to promote more reliable communication. For

example, display 28 and display electronics may be temporarily disabled during reception of RF signals, transmission of RF signals, or both, by internal antenna 32.